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Attention: Thomas N. Tetting

Red Rock Mine RE: ACT/037/050 San Juan County, Utah

Dear Mr. Tetting:

In May 1982, on behalf of S & S Mining Co., I submitted a "Notice of Intention to Commence Mining Operations" and a "Mining and Reclaimation Plan" to the Division of Natural Resources & Energy Oil, Gas & Mining, 1588 West North Temple, Salt Lake City, Utah. In response I received a letter which stated that "although in agreement with Title 40-6 UCA 1953, the forms had been superseded. I was furnished with a new form. I then requested a copy of the "Rules and Regulations" and was advised that the Division is in the process of revising the surface and underground coal mining regulations, therefore you were unable to comply with my request.

You suggest in your letter of June 24, 1982, that a Pre-Design Conference be held, and state as follows: "This meeting will entail the gathering of representatives of the Department of Health, Division of Water Rights, and the Division of Oil, Gas and Mining along with you or your staff to inform you of all possible permits which you will need before lawfully commencing to mine in the State of Utah."

There may be some perception that the S & S Mining Company is of much greater magnitude than is factual. Mr. Stocks is the owner and operator with the help of his sons. The operation consists of an incline shaft into the Morrison formation from which they extract uranium and vanadium. The operation in no way involves coal. The submittal presented shows that the operation is extremely small. S & S has no staff as that word generally implies to attend the suggested Pre-Design Conference. Mr. Stocks will do all within his power to comply with your requirements and solicits your understanding and help in this regard. If it is not possible to approve the submittal filed by him, it may well be that a meeting will be helpful, but we respectfully suggest that the preliminary meeting should be only with the Department of Natural Resources and Energy so Mr. Stocks can be briefed on the situation he faces and so that you may be better able to understand his problems.

Sincerely, Laggeri Robert H. Ruggeri

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